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SECRETARY OF LABOR, : CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA) : Docket No. YORK 96-24-M

Petitioner : A.C. No. 06-00636-05518

V.

: New Milford Plant

ADVANCE STONE INCORPORATED,

Respondent :

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT

Before: Judge Bulluck

This case is before me upon petition for assessment of civil penalty under section 105(d) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Athe Act@). Petitioner has filed a motion to approve settlement agreement and to dismiss the case. A reduction in penalty from \$554.00 to \$229.00 is proposed. The citations initial assessments, and the proposed settlement amounts are as follows:

Citation No.	Initial <u>Assessment</u>	Proposed <u>Settlement</u>
4426541	\$252.00	\$104.00
4426542	50.00	21.00
4426544	252.00	104.00
TOTAL	\$554.00	$$229.00^{1}$

I have considered the representatives and documentation submitted in this case, and I conclude that the proffered settlement is appropriate under the criteria set forth in section 110(i) of the Act.

WHEREFORE, the motion for approval of settlement is **GRANTED**, and it is **ORDERED** that Respondent pay a penalty of \$229.00 within 30 days of this order.

Jacqueline R. Bulluck Administrative Law Judge

¹Motion for Approval of Settlement and Order contains mathematical error totalling penalty at \$225.00, whereas \$229.00 is corrected sum.

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